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NOTE FOR: All National Intelligence Officers  
FROM: Hal Ford, NIO/AL  
SUBJECT: NIC Contribution to DCI's Upcoming Annual Report to the Congress

1. Each year about this time the NIC assists the IC Staff in preparing the DCI's (all-source) Annual Report to the Congress. So, as outlined below, we are tasked once again. The Report (for 1984) will be published 1 February 1985. The project officer is [ ] (ICS).

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2. The Report's purpose is to provide an accounting of the Intelligence Community's support to US policy objectives in order to provide Congress with an appreciation of how the Community's enhanced capabilities have been utilized. The particular focus of the Report this time [ ] is to be "the substantive and operational accomplishments of 1984, presented in the context of the major substantive issues of the year."

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3. The NIC is on the hook to provide drafts on the following:

a. The Substantive context into which specific examples of analytical and collection contributions (to IC Staff) will be integrated. This means that the NIC is to prepare contributions which set out 1984's substantive contextual picture for each of the issue items in the Report's following outline:

--Priority Issues of Crisis Avoidance/Crisis Management

- o Lebanon/Syria/Israel
- o El Salvador/Nicaragua
- o Pakistan/Afghanistan/India
- o Greece/Turkey/Cyprus
- o Other principal crises in 1984.

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--Burgeoning Issues

- o Terrorism
- o Technology Transfer
- o Narcotics
- o CW/BW

- o Other

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--Chronic Ongoing Issues

- o The Soviet Leadership
- o The Soviet Strategic Challenge
- o The Soviet Threat to NATO
- o Soviet Global Military Reach/The Soviets and the Third World
- o Soviet S&T/Space Programs
- o Nuclear Proliferation
- o Third World Instabilities
- o Energy Security
- o LDC Debt
- o Other

b. NIC's substantive and operational accomplishments of 1984,  
for each of the above items. Where applicable, we are also to  
indicate any additions that have been made to the NIC's capabilities  
in the particular item categories.

c. Review of the IC Staff's draft Report (in January).

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4. Specifics:

a. NIC will have sole responsibility for drafting the contextual statements (paragraph 3-a, above).

b. All relevant precincts of the Community, NIC included, will be contributing accomplishments (paragraph 3-b, above). IC Staff will do the melding of all these.


c. These chores should be fairly simple for the NIC, and not too demanding of time and energy. Please give me your contributions, as outlined above, at any time before 3 December. I will put them together and send off

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-- For the substantive items (3-a), about one to two pages each (double-spaced) should suffice. The point here is to capsule how each of these issues confronted the US Intelligence and Policymaking Communities in 1984.

-- For the accomplishment items (3-b), please keep them short, crisp, and candid.

d. Particular NIO assignments for the above items break out fairly logically from the IC's above outline. If you have any questions, please give me a ring. Many thanks.

  
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